



Saint Christopher Catholic Church

Mission Statement:

"St. Christopher Catholic Church, empowered by the Holy Spirit and nourished by the Eucharist; Proclaims, Witnesses, and Shares the Good News of Jesus Christ. We invite all of you to join us as we live our faith!"



3rd

SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus said to them, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." - Mk 1:17

Excerpts from the Letter



SACRAMENTS

Baptism: Please contact the office for information or send an email to reception@stchristophermarana.com. Parents and Godparents must attend a class before the baptism.

Marriage: Engaged Couples planning to marry must contact the parish office at least six months in advance.

Anointing of The Sick: The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick is for the spiritual comfort, strength and healing of the ill. Please notify the church office when you or another parishioner would like to receive this Sacrament.

(Due to Covid-19 Priests in the DOT are restricted from visiting hospitals)

PARISH INFORMATION

MASS TIMES (DURING COVID-19):

Tue—Fri: NOON (outdoor)
SATURDAY: 5:00 pm Sunday Mass
SUNDAY: 7:00 am Mass
9:00 am Mass (outdoors)
11:00 am Santa Misa (estacionamineto)

Live-streaming of Sunday Mass
9am English & 11am Spanish

CONFESSIONS:

Saturday: 4:00 pm – 4:45 pm | and by appointment

Office Hours:

Monday-Friday 9:30 am – 5 pm

(face masks and safety protocols must be observed)

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READINGS FOR THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
LECTURAS DEL III DOMINGO ORDINARIO

First Reading: Jon 3:1-5, 10

The word of the LORD came to Jonah, saying: "Set out for the great city of Nineveh, and announce to it the message that I will tell you." So Jonah made ready and went to Nineveh, according to the LORD'S bidding. Now Nineveh was an enormously large city; it took three days to go through it. Jonah began his journey through the city, and had gone but a single day's walk announcing, "Forty days more and Nineveh shall be destroyed," when the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast and all of them, great and small, put on sackcloth.

When God saw by their actions how they turned from their evil way, he repented of the evil that he had threatened to do to them; he did not carry it out.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9

R. (4A) TEACH ME YOUR WAYS, O LORD.

Second Reading: 1 Cor 7:29-31

I tell you, brothers and sisters, the time is running out. From now on, let those having wives act as not having them, those weeping as not weeping, those rejoicing as not rejoicing, those buying as not owning, those using the world as not using it fully. For the world in its present form is passing away.

Holy Gospel according to Mark: 1:14-20

After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel."

As he passed by the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting their nets into the sea; they were fishermen. Jesus said to them, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." Then they abandoned their nets and followed him. He walked along a little farther and saw James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John. They too were in a boat mending their nets. Then he called them. So they left their father Zebedee in the boat along with the hired men and followed him.

Primera Lectura: Jon 3, 1-5. 10

En aquellos días, el Señor volvió a hablar a Jonás y le dijo: "Levántate y vete a Nínive, la gran capital, para anunciar ahí el mensaje que te voy a indicar".

Se levantó Jonás y se fue a Nínive, como le había mandado el Señor. Nínive era una ciudad enorme: hacían falta tres días para recorrerla. Jonás caminó por la ciudad durante un día, pregonando: "Dentro de cuarenta días Nínive será destruida".

Los ninivitas creyeron en Dios, ordenaron un ayuno y se vistieron de sayal, grandes y pequeños. Cuando Dios vio sus obras y cómo se convertían de su mala vida, cambió de parecer y no les mandó el castigo que había determinado imponerles.

Salmo Responsorial: 24, 4-5ab. 6-7bc. 8-9

R. (4A) DESCÚBRENOS, SEÑOR, TUS CAMINOS.

Segunda Lectura: 1 Cor 7, 29-31

Hermanos: Les quiero decir una cosa: la vida es corta. Por tanto, conviene que los casados vivan como si no lo estuvieran; los que sufren, como si no sufrieran; los que están alegres, como si no se alegraran; los que compran, como si no compraran; los que disfrutan del mundo, como si no disfrutaran de él; porque este mundo que vemos es pasajero.

Del Santo Evangelio: Mc 1, 14-20

Después de que arrestaron a Juan el Bautista, Jesús se fue a Galilea para predicar el Evangelio de Dios y decía: "Se ha cumplido el tiempo y el Reino de Dios ya está cerca. Arrepiéntanse y crean en el Evangelio".

Caminaba Jesús por la orilla del lago de Galilea, cuando vio a Simón y a su hermano, Andrés, echando las redes en el lago, pues eran pescadores. Jesús les dijo: "Síguenme y haré de ustedes pescadores de hombres". Inmediatamente dejaron las redes y lo siguieron.

Un poco más adelante, vio a Santiago y a Juan, hijos de Zebedeo, que estaban en una barca, remendando sus redes. Los llamó, y ellos, dejando en la barca a su padre con los trabajadores, se fueron con Jesús.

MEDITATION

It was a normal day by all accounts, but John just wasn't feeling himself. He was a little lightheaded and out of sorts. Later in the afternoon, he experienced a sharp pain in his chest and arm. Quick thinking and action brought John to the emergency department with a diagnosis of a significant heart attack. Surviving this ordeal, he found himself face to face with his cardiologist, having an honest conversation about things that needed to change. "I came close to death," John found himself thinking. Then came the remorse. He was a young man with a loving wife and children who were very close to facing life without him. John found himself with intense sorrow for living an unchecked and self-indulgent life that almost brought him to his demise. He wanted to change.

We all have our wake-up calls. We have experiences and encounters that force us to really think twice about choices we have made and directions we have taken. Often, we find ourselves looking at those we have hurt square in the eye and wallowing in our foolishness. We regrettably realize that we have allowed our needs to lure us into making some cruel mistakes. We impulsively say things and flippantly do things that reveal our unredeemed and unhealed self. It is a self we stumble over and try to tame but can't quite seem to master and control. Help!

We spin our wheels, naively thinking that we will somehow, perhaps through persistence, get ourselves unstuck. But, we don't. We just get out of the car, feeling very helpless, and ignorantly look at the mess we got ourselves into. Did we ever think to ask someone for help? Or, taken the advice of One who is wiser and avoid this route altogether? "Come after me," are words that Jesus says to all of us. In order to heed his invitation, we must leave our ego-self behind and follow.

When we really see and understand the freedom, peace, justice, and love he offers, we find ourselves with such sorrow in our hearts for how foolish and silly we have been. All the misguided choices and sinful actions come full view and we see how risky our random impassioned behaviors really have been. Repentance is beautiful. When done with a sincere and contrite heart, it directs us to the glory that can be ours, ignites us with the challenge of living a life in service of others and reminds us that all is well.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 24, 2021

Sun: Jon 3:1-5, 10/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [4a]/1 Cor 7:29-31/
Mk 1:14-20
Mon: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2 [Mk 16:15]/
Mk 16:15-18
Tue: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10 [3]/
Mk 3:31-35
Wed: Heb 10:11-18/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 [4b]/Mk 4:1-20
Thu: Heb 10:19-25/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 6]/Mk 4:21-25
Fri: Heb 10:32-39/Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 23-24, 39-40 [39a]/
Mk 4:26-34
Sat: Heb 11:1-2, 8-19/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75 [cf. 68]/
Mk 4:35-41
Sun: Dt 18:15-20/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9 [8]/1 Cor 7:32-35/
Mk 1:21-28

MASS INTENTIONS

† = Deceased

Saturday, January 23th, 2021

5:00pm Emily Anderson (birthday)

Sunday, January 24th, 2021

7:00am † Bruce Metlock

9:00am † Michael Butera

Roberto Enriquez (health)

11:00am † Alberto R. Valenzuela Jr.

Lucia Dominquez & Familia (bienestar)

Roberto Enriquez (salud)

Tonny Cardenas (salud)

† Jessica Elizarraras (aniversario luctuoso)

Tuesday, January 26th

Noon The end of our drought

Wednesday, January 27th

Noon The end of our drought

Thursday, January 28th

Noon † Jessica G. Elizarrarás

The end of our drought

Friday, January 22nd

Noon Starla Anderson (birthday)

To request a Mass intention, please call or stop by the office.

PARISH ACTIVITIES

* ADORATION OF BLESSED SACRAMENT *

* ADORACION DEL SANTISIMO SACRAMENTO *

Friday 9:30am-5pm

Daily Mass

OUTDOOR AT NOON

(face masks and safety protocols must be observed)



Ready for more in life? Ready to put Christ at the center instead of fitting him in? A new year begs for new beginnings. Take the next step in becoming a complete Man of Christ. See you soon.

WEEKLY OFFERTORY

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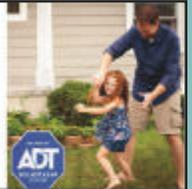
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